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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS ON ITALIAN IMPORTS OF JAPANESE

TAPE RECORDERS

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1. SOURCES IN THE JAPANESE MISSION TO THE EC HAVE
INFORMED US THAT JAPAN HOPES TO CONCLUDE WITH ITALY
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BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY JAPAN

WOULD RESTRAIN ITS IMPORT OF TAPE RECORDERS TO ITALY
IN RETURN FOR WHICH ITALY WOULD ALLOW ITS CURRENT IMPORT
QUOTAS ON TAPE RECORDERS TO LAPSE.

2. THE CURRENT ITALIAN QUOTAS FOR TAPE RECORDERS
FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1973 ALLOW IMPORTS OF 150,000
UNITS. THIS CORRESPONDS TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF 300,000
OF WHICH THE JAPANESE ESTIMATE THAT THEIR "NORMAL SHARE"
WOULD BE 270,000 UNITS.

3. THE JAPANESE ARE NOW PROPOSING TO PUT INTO EFFECT
VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ITALIANS TO
TERMINATE UNILATERAL CONTROLS. AS A STARTING OFFER THE
JAPANESE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THEY RESTRAIN THEIR
EXPORTS TO ITALY TO 350,000 UNITS. OUR SOURCES
SPECULATE THAT JAPAN WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE DOWN
TO 320,000 UNITS, I.E., AN INCREASE OF 50,000 UNITS OVER
THE CURRENT RATE OF SALES.

4. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE US HAS ALSO BEEN CAUGHT BY
THE ITALIAN QUOTAS AIMED AT JAPAN. THE JAPANESE
SAID THEY HAD INFORMED THE ITALIANS THAT HAD
THEIR QUOTAS FALLEN SOLELY ON JAPAN, JAPAN WOULD HAVE
RAISED THE ISSUE IN GATT AS BEING CONTRARY TO MFN
PRICIPLES. THE JAPANESE STATED THAT IF THEY SHOULD
REACH AGREEMENT WITH ITALY, ELIMINATION OF THE ITALIAN
QUOTAS WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO US SALES OF TAPE
RECORDERS TO ITALY. HARTMAN

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